GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PRICES OF DIFFERENT GRADES OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the prices of various grades of Coal have increased during the last three years and the reasons for each of the said price-rise;

(b) whether the Government has made any efforts to regulate the prices of Coal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) The details of coal price increased during last 3 years along with reasons are as under:

Date of Price Increase	Name of coal company where price increase effected	Grades of coal covered by price increase	Reasons for price increase
18.8.2002	ECL (Raniganj field only).BCCL, CCL, WCL & SECL	All grades	All grades except BCCLlong flame coal To compensate the increase in the cost of inputs since the last price increase w.e.f. 1.2.2001.
16.5.2003	BCCL	Long flame coal only	
1.10.2003	NCL	All grades	
16.6.2004	All subsidiaries	All grades	1) To compensate the increase in the cost of inputs. 2) To generate resources for investment for up coming projects and modernization of existing mines to bridge the ever increasing gap between demand and supply.

(b) & (c) : With the promulgation of the Colliery Control Order 2000, coal pricing has been fully deregulated from 1.1.2000. Since coal pricing is deregulated, Coal companies are fixing the price of coal with the approval of their Board of Directors.